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SALE OF POSTAL STAMP
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to sell postal stamp through private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it will be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) As per existing policy of the Department of Posts, postage stamps and stationery are being sold through Licensed Stamp Vendors, Licensed Postal Agents, Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras and Postal Franchisees. The Divisional Superintendents of Post Offices are vested with powers to grant licences only to Stamp Vendors and Postal Franchisees subject to the fulfillment of prescribed conditions. However, fresh licences to Postal Agents are no longer being issued. In a Gram Panchayat where a post office does not exist though justified, the Gram Panchayat concerned nominates a candidate to run the Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra. The Licensed Stamp Vendors, Licensed Postal Agents, Postal Franchisees and the candidates who run the Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras are from amongst the general public.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.